

„Fauna Lepidopterologica Volgo-Uralensis“ 150 years later: Changes and additions. Part 13. Momphidae s. l.

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Summary: 43 species of Momphidae s. lat. are listed from the Volgo-Ural Region as 10 species of Momphidae s. str., 1 Batrachedridae, 1 Stathmopodidae, 3 Blastobasidae, 4 Agonoxenidae, 17 Cosmopterigidae, and 6 Chrysopeliidae. 37 species are recorded from the region in addition to EVERSMANN's list.

Introduction: This paper is the 13th in a series of publications¹, dealing with the composition of the present-day fauna of the families Momphidae, Batrachedridae, Stathmopodidae, Blastobasidae, Agonoxenidae, Cosmopterigidae, and Chrysopeliidae in the Middle Volga and the south-western Cisurals. This region comprises of the administrative divisions of Astrakhan-, Volgograd-, Saratov-, Samara-, Uljanovsk-, Orenburg-, Uralsk- and Atyraus-(=Gurjev) Districts, together with Tataria and Bashkiria. As was accepted in previous parts of this series, only material reliably labelled and spanning mostly the last 25-50 years was used for this study. The main collections are those of the authors: V. ANIKIN (Saratov and Astrakhan Distr. and Kalmyk Republic), S. SACHKOV (Samara Distr.) and V. ZOLOTUHIN (Uljanovsk and Astrakhan Distr.). All the data from the XIX and early XX centuries was taken into account but only as a reference (EVERSMANN, 1844; REBEL, 1901; KRULIKOWSKY, 1908; KRULIKOVSKY, 1915; see also other parts of the cycle). Whilst completing this list we also took advantage of the information from recent papers on this region (SINEV, 1982-2005; SACHKOV et al., 1996 and others) and from recent taxonomic monographs, as KOSTER & SINEV (2003). The material in the collections of the Zoological Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences in St. Petersburg has also been examined for our study. Also the private collection D. KOMAROV (Volgograd) was studied and some material was kindly put at our disposal by T. TROFIMOVA (Samara) from Bashkiria and Orenburg District, to whom we express our sincere thanks.

In the text we follow the system proposed by S. SINEV (2002). The list of food plants are taken from the works cited if not especially pointed.

As a great part of the work had been done by Dr. S. SINEV (re-examination of most species from the collections of others co-authors as well as taxonomic notes in the text), we are keeping the authors, order such as in previous articles to facilitate any bibliographic references as ANIKIN et al.

For the ease of use, information is given in the form of a table, with the principal data of all species mentioned from the Volgo-Ural region. Many localities have been renamed during the last 150 years, the most important ones being listed below:

¹This series was started in Atalanta 24: 89-120 (1993)

Uralsk - later Chkalov - now Uralsk

Samara - later Kujbyshev - now Samara

Simbirsk - now Uljanovsk

Sarepta - now Krasnoarmejsk of the Volgograd District

Waskuntschatskoi - usually noted as Baskunchak (Astrakhan District)

Zarizyn or Tsarizyn - later Stalingrad - now Volgograd.

Note: Spassk, usually interpreted as EVERSMANN's estate not far from Orenburg, really might be also a town that disappeared under the Volga's water during the erection of the hydroelectrostations and the following increasing of waters area. Before that Spassk had been situated in about 82 km ESE Kasan on the left bank of Volga.

Notes on the table:

column 1: Species number

- species is deleted from the list

column 2: Species name

column 3: Species listed by EVERSMANN (1844) within the regional limits of that territory

column 4 - 10: Administrative units

4 Astrakhan District (centre is Astrakhan)

5 Volgograd district (Volgograd)

6 Saratov district (Saratov)

7 Samara district (Samara)

8 Uljanovsk district (Uljanovsk)

9 Bashkiria (Ufa)

10 Uralsk district (Uralsk)

+ species is present

- species not found during this study

? species is known from old or doubtful data

o type locality

column 11: Flight periods

IV - XI - months

b, m, e - beginning, middle, end of month

1 (2) G - species develops 1 (2) generation(s)

W - winter hibernation

column 12: Comments and larval foodplants

L: larval hostplants, *indicating original data

TL: type locality

E: EVERSMANN

	Species	E	A	V	S	S	U	B	U	Flight period	Comments
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	11	12	
MOMPHIDAE											
1	<i>Mompha ochraceella</i> (CURT., 1839)	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	bVII in 1G	Very rare and local in steppe biotopes near the water. The easternmost point of distribution. L: <i>Epilobium hirsutum</i> .
2	<i>Mompha propinquella</i> (STT., 1851)	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	b-mV in 1G?	Very rare and local in deciduous forests. The easternmost point of distribution. L: <i>Epilobium hirsutum, palustre,</i> <i>montanum</i> .
3	<i>Mompha subbistrigella</i> (HAW., 1828)	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	bVIII- W-VI in 1G	Rather common (especially after hibernation) in deciduous forests. L: <i>Epilobium montanum,</i> <i>hirsutum</i> , etc.
4	<i>Mompha sturnipennella</i> (TR., 1833) (=modestella EV., 1844; =nodicolella FUCHS, 1902)	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	bVII- mVI in 1G	Local at the edges of coniferous and mixed forests. Described by E. as <i>Oecophora modestella</i> Evm. with TL: Kazan. L: <i>Chamaenerium angustifolium</i> .
5	<i>Mompha confusella</i> KOSTER & SINEV, 1996	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	ellII (W)	Very rare and local in ravines of salt steppe. The easternmost point of distribution. L: <i>Epilobium hirsutum,</i> <i>Chamaenerium angustifolium</i> .
6	<i>Mompha epilobiella</i> (DEN. & SCHIFF., 1775) (=fulvescens HAW., 1828)	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	VIII-W- VII in 2G	Common in different biotopes, but more typical for steppes and chalk hills near the water. L: <i>Epilobium hirsutum</i> ; very rarely <i>montanum, palustre</i> and <i>Chamaenerium angustifolium</i> .
7	<i>Psacaphora raschkiella</i> (ZELL., 1839)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	VII in 1G	Very rare in pine and mixed forests. L: <i>Chamaenerium angustifolium</i> .
8	<i>Anybia langiella</i> (HBN., 1796) (=epilobiella ROEM., 1794, nec DEN. & SCHIFF., 1775)	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	VII-W- VI in 1G	Local but not rare in different biotopes (edges of deciduous forests, meadows, and chalk steppes). L: <i>Circaealutetiana, alpina;</i> <i>Epilobium hirsutum</i> .
9	<i>Lophoptilus miscella</i> (DEN. & SCHIFF., 1775)	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	bVIII in 1G?	Very rare and local in chalk steppes. The easternmost point of distribution.

	(BRUAND, 1851)								in 1G	steppes. L: <i>Viola curtissii</i> .
23	<i>Limnaecia phragmitella</i> STT 1851	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	eVII-VII in 1G	Common in the marshes and near the water bodies. L: <i>Typha latifolia</i> .
		0	1	1	3	2	4	1	3	
COSMOPTERIGINAE										
24	<i>Cosmopterix zieglerella</i> (HBN., 1810) (=eximia HAW., 1828)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+ V-VII in 1G	Local in deciduous forests with hops. Erroneously mentioned previously by E. for Kazan (see <i>Cosmopterix schmidella</i>). L: <i>Humulus</i> .
25	<i>Cosmopterix sibirica</i> SINEV, 1985	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	- mVI in 1G	Very rare in chalk steppes. The westernmost point of distribution. L: unknown.
26	<i>Cosmopterix orichalcea</i> STT 1861 (=druryella ZELL.,	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+ V-VI; VII-VIII in 2G	Rather common at the edges of mixed and deciduous forests. L: <i>Hierochloe</i> , <i>Milium</i> , <i>Festuca</i> , <i>Phalaris</i> , <i>Anthoxanthum</i> .
27	<i>Cosmopterix schmidella</i> FREY, 1856	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+ V-VII in 1G	Known from Kazan by a single specimen misidentified and listed by E. as <i>Oecophora zieglerella</i> ; has to be found in the region under investigation. L: <i>Vicia</i> , <i>Lathyrus</i> , <i>Orobus</i> .
28	<i>Cosmopterix lienigiella</i> ZELL., 1846	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	- mVI in 1G	Very local in marshes with reeds. L: <i>Phragmites australis</i> .
29	<i>Pyroderces argyrogrammos</i> (ZELL., 1847)	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+ b-mVI; bVIII in 2G	Rather common in steppes and dry meadows. L: <i>Centaurea</i> , <i>Carlina</i> , <i>Carduus</i> *, <i>Cnicus</i> , <i>Carthamus</i> .
30	<i>Eteobalea anonymella</i> RIEDL, 1965	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+ VI-VIII in 1G	Rather common in steppes and dry meadows. L: unknown.
31	<i>Eteobalea serratella</i> (TR., 1833) (=sareptensis WLSM., 1907; =cinereocapitella CARADJA, 1920)	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+ VI-VIII in 1G	Rather common in steppes. Firstly mentioned for the region by E. as <i>Oecophora serratella</i> from the foothills of Ural ('Spask' = Spasskoe). Also described by WALSINGHAM (1907) as <i>Stagmatophora sareptensis</i> from Sarepta and by CARADJA (1920) as <i>Stagmatophora sumptuosella</i> v. <i>cinereocapitella</i> from the vicinity of the Lake Inder in western Kazakhstan. L: <i>Linaria vulgaris</i> , <i>genistifolia</i> .
32	<i>Eteobalea intermediella</i> RIEDL, 1965	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+ V-VIII in 1G	Rather common in steppes. L: <i>Linaria vulgaris</i> , <i>genistifolia</i> , <i>pontica</i> , <i>dalmatica</i> .
33	<i>Eteobalea tririvella</i> (STGR., 1871) (=kasyi RIEDL, 1965)	-	-	0	+	-	-	+	+ VII-VIII in 1G	Local in steppes. Described by STAUDINGER (1871) from Sarepta and then by RIEDL (1965) as <i>Stagmatophora kasyi</i> from the same locality.

											L: unknown.
34	<i>Eteobalea albiapicella</i> (DUP., 1843)	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	?	Very local on chalk slopes. The easternmost point of distribution. L: <i>Globularia</i> .
35	<i>Vulcaniella pomposella</i> (ZELL., 1839)	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	mV-VII in 2G	Very local in dry meadows. The easternmost point of distribution. L: <i>Helichrysum arenarium</i> , <i>Hieracium pilosella</i> .
36	<i>Vulcaniella extremella</i> (WCK., 1871)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	VI; VIII in 2G	Very local in steppes. The easternmost point of distribution. L: <i>Salvia pratensis</i> , <i>verticillata</i> , <i>austriaca</i> , <i>tesquicola</i> , <i>bertolonii</i> ; <i>Prunella grandiflora</i> .

CHYSOPELEIIDAE
(=WALSHIIDAE)

37	<i>Sorhagenia rhamniella</i> (ZELL., 1839)	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	mVI-mVII in 1G	Common at the edges of mixed and deciduous forests. L: <i>Frangula alnus</i> ; <i>Rhamnus cathartica</i> , <i>alpina</i> .
38	<i>Sorhagenia lophyrella</i> (DOUGL., 1846)	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	bVI-VII in 1G	Common at the edges of mixed and deciduous forests. L: <i>Rhamnus cathartica</i> , <i>saxatilis</i> , <i>pumila</i> .
39	<i>Sorhagenia janiszewskae</i> RIEDL, 1962	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	VII in 1G	Rather common at the edges of deciduous forests. L: <i>Frangula alnus</i> ; <i>Rhamnus cathartica</i> , <i>alpina</i> , <i>fallax</i> .
40	<i>Ascalenia viviparella</i> KASY, 1969	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	V-VI; VIII-IV in 2G	Local in deserts and semideserts. The northernmost point of distribution. L: <i>Calligonum junceum</i> , <i>setosum</i> , <i>leucocladum</i> .
41	<i>Calycobathra calligoni</i> SINEV, 1979	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	V-VI; VII-VIII in 2G	Local in deserts and semideserts. The northernmost point of distribution. L: <i>Calligonum</i> spp.
42	<i>Calycobathra variapennella</i> SINEV, 1984	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	VI in 1G?	Local in semideserts. The northernmost point of distribution. L: unknown.
		0	3	2	3	2	2	0	1		
	TOTAL	3	9	7	2	1	2	5	2		
		1	2	7				0			

Thus, 43 species of Momphidae s. lat. is known from the Region under consideration. Among them 10 species of Momphidae s. str., 1 Batrachedridae, 1 Stathmopodidae, 3 Blastobasidae, 4 Agonoxenidae, 17 Cosmopterigidae and 6 Chrysopeliidae. 1 species, *Blastobasis roscidella* auct., nec ZELL., 1847, is eliminated off the list as erroneously identified in previous works. 37 species are added the list of EVERSMANN (1844). Further additions to this list will be caused by taxonomic revisions and changes in the status of some taxa.

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